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G. STUART, Auditors.  
H. HUNTER, J. Auditors.

Hongkong, May 19th, 1893.

### THE POST OFFICE.

There is perhaps no department in the Government Service that lays itself so open to criticism, coming as it does within the personal ken of every member of the community, as does the Post Office. And this fact, it might naturally be supposed, would act as an incentive to the Postmaster General, and those of his immediate subordinates, to carry out the duties of their important department to the entire satisfaction of the public. It is not so, however. Complaints have been made to us from time to time regarding the working of the local Office which, it really seems, stands in need of radical reform. The French mail steamer *Sydney* was moored to her buoy in the harbour at 10 o'clock last night but the first of the mails were only delivered at 9 o'clock this morning. We have been asked to give an explanation of this delay but prefer to delegate the question to the Postmaster General himself.

### NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The following telegrams from our San Francisco exchanges were crowded out of last night's issue:—

LONDON, April 24th. The prospectus of the new *William Waldorf Astor's* magazine, which will be issued this week, indicates a general attempt on the part of all contributors to write up to Mr. Astor's literary and social level.

The Countess of Cork succeeds in getting quite in touch with the owner of the magazine in her telling articles on society, in which she says that the entrance to society cannot be obtained by either the gold of England or the almighty dollar.

But Mr. Astor is, after all, the best contributor to his own pages, and his article on Mme. Recamier is fully as interesting as any in them, printed or illustrated. He tries to prove that Mme. Recamier married her own father.

April 25th. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *London Telegraph* says: "The recent reports of the peasant uprising in Southern Russia and the consequent stopping of the Czar's train are unfounded. The train halted for a few minutes near Charkoff to replace a rail which had been torn from the track. Otherwise the Czar's journey was not interrupted."

A private dispatch from Belgrade states that discussion prevails in the new Cabinet of King Alexander, formed under his direction after the coup d'état of two weeks ago. The King, it is stated, has declined to accept the resignation of Francavilla, Minister of War, and Djura, ex-Minister of War, has gone to Roumania on a confidential mission to Queen Natalie.

WELLINGTON (N. Z.), April 28th. Ballance, Prime Minister of New Zealand, is dead.

PARIS, April 28th. Charles Demazé, the noted author, editor and critic, is dead. Eight thousand men employed in the Loire Naval Yard struck at Nantes to-day, and marched, shouting and singing, through the streets. Trouble is apprehended and the troops have been confined in the barracks.

NEW YORK, April 28th. Great satisfaction was expressed in financial circles this morning at the result of the reference yesterday evening between the New York bankers and Carville, Secretary of the Treasury, and Wall Street quickly showed that it appreciated the clear, explicit statement made to the bankers. Although no action was taken at the conference it established unmistakably in the minds of the bankers present, as all admitted this morning, that the Government had determined to maintain the parity between gold and silver; that the Secretary thoroughly understood the situation and that the stories that there was friction between the Secretary and the bankers of New York were absolutely without foundation.

It was learned on good authority that Secretary Carville was assured by the New York bank presidents of their willingness to come to the assistance of the Government whenever, in his opinion, more gold was needed in the treasury. The terms on which gold would be furnished were left open. It was also agreed by all present that the uneasiness based upon the loan of \$100,000 in the gold reserve fund was only sentimental, and that at this time there was no necessity for the bond issue or gold loan to the treasury.

VIENNA, April 28th. The Hungarian Minister of Public Worship has introduced a Jewish emancipation bill in the Hungarian Reichstag. The measure is conceived in the most liberal spirit. It declares that the Israelite religion shall be legally recognized, that existing facilities for Christianizing the Jews be abolished without conditions, and that the conversion of Christians to Judaism, which has hitherto been impossible in Hungary, shall be legally sanctioned.

BERLIN, April 28th. Alwardt, the notorious Jew baiter, to-day received another blow. The sub-committee of the Reichstag appointed to examine into the charges of corruption that he made against present and ex-members of the Government submitted its report to-day. The committee finds nothing in the documents examined to prove the grave charges made by Alwardt.

BRUSSELS, April 28th. The Belgian Senate, by a vote of 52 to 1, with fourteen absentees, approved the Nysen plan to establish universal suffrage, with plural voting based on the ownership of property and the possession of certain educational qualifications.

SIMLA, April 28th. It is reported that Russia seeks to have the frontier of North Persia rectified in such a manner as to secure the cession to her of the territory in the vicinity of Jushan and Kelat Kadiz. English influence is opposed to it. The Shah is believed to be averse to it, but it is feared that he will yield to Russian influence.

ODessa, April 28th. Newspapers in this city report a general exodus of German colonists from Russia to America because of official persecution.

PIAQUE, April 28th. A large portion of the town of Kreutzburg, containing 1,500 inhabitants, has been burned. One hundred and seventy houses were destroyed, six persons burned to death and many seriously hurt. Five hundred people were rendered homeless.

LONDON, April 29th. Mr. Gladstone said this morning that neither the buller of the assassin nor the incendiary words of Conservative leaders could prevent the Home Rule bill being granted to the Irish people. "The nation," he said, "has at length become convinced that even the measure which we now offer is but a small meed of justice to an oppressed people."

He was addressing the bearers of resolutions of confidence from the Presbyterians in Ulster. "I am comforted," he said in conclusion, "to observe the existence of such enlightened opinion as this resolution portrays. It is a beacon of joy rising above the sea of violence and intolerance which recently sought to overwhelm law and order in Belfast."

The Liberal white, Mr. E. Maitland, who is in the best position to gauge the prospects of the Government's existence, expresses perfect confidence that dissolution is certain not to occur before 1895. The Government is determined not to go before the country again, until good Liberal reform measures have been passed and the Lords reject the Home Rule Bill they must also reject the other bills. This will be likely to increase the country still more against the hereditary chamber.

One of these democratic measures which will have tremendous influence in bringing the London masses to the side of Gladstone is that announced by Mr. Fowler, president of the local Government board. The poor districts of London long have groaned under heavy taxation for poor relief, etc., while the wealthier West End districts have escaped almost scot free. Mr. Fowler promises relief in the immediate introduction of a bill providing for the equalization of the rate throughout London.

A large number of residents of Ulster, belonging to the Presbyterian and Unitarian churches, repudiate the resolution advocating opposition to Irish home rule sent to Lord Salisbury as representing the opinion of the Protestants of Ulster. These home rule Protestants have therefore, caused a communication to be sent to Gladstone expressing confidence in Gladstone and his policy in regard to Ireland. Gladstone has sent a reply in which he states that he is comforted to observe the existence of such enlightened opinion as that held by his correspondent amid a sea of violence and intolerance at Belfast.

MELBORNE, April 30th. The Government of Victoria has announced its decision to amalgamate all the savings banks now conducted independent of the Government with the Post Office savings banks. The Government of the colony is to have full control and to guarantee deposits.

LONDON, April 30th. Five hundred stevedores have struck at the Victoria docks against the federation of free laborers.

PARIS, April 30th. Of nine Catholic prelates deprived of their bishoprics for hostility to the Republic all but one have been restored to full rights and privileges.

ROME, April 30th. The King and Queen of Italy and the Emperor and Empress of Germany will arrive in Spezia to-morrow.

NEW YORK, April 30th. The great international race between the American liner *Paris* and the new Cunarder *Campania* is over. The *Paris* won, beating the *Campania* many hours over a rough coast.

LONDON, May 1st. The *Financial News* announces that the right of the miner in coal mines is being taken away. The Paris operator, who has collapsed, implicating thirty firms in Havre and a number of firms in Antwerp and Hamburg. Kalkenbach carried 1,000,000 bags of coffee. Recently he has been unable to make good his margins in New York, and the coffee held by his agents there was forced on the market, causing a heavy fall in prices. The firm managed to rally then partially, but was unable to continue the fight.

MASSACHUSETTS, May 1st. A large part of the working position took part in the May day celebrations to-day. Towards evening the crowds in the streets became very disorderly. The police tried to arrest several socialists who were waving red flags in the workingmen to violence. The crowd resisted, and in the fight which followed the police were wounded.

The Hussars came to the rescue of the police and a general fight began. Floral, municipal Councilor, was knocked down by the charging Hussars, his clothing torn and he was trampled under foot. After the first charge the Hussars were repulsed.

The crowd of rioters captured the Police Commissary, knocked him down and dragged him in the dust. He was rescued by the troops before serious harm could be done him. By a united effort the military and police eventually split the mob and drove off a group of the rioters. In several districts disorderly crowds were still parading at a late hour.

VIENNA, May 1st. The socialists of Monaghan marched through the streets of that city this afternoon. They refused to disperse at the commands of the police. The police then charged with drawn swords and cleared the streets. Several socialists were wounded.

Fifty-six meetings were held by the workingmen of this city and suburbs to-day. The police kept out of sight and no effort was made to disturb the meetings. At 5 o'clock this afternoon 3000 men and women marched on the Prater. They sang the "Marseillaise" and other revolutionary hymns, and cheered the strikers, who demanded universal suffrage. At 6.30 they began a march through the city. All the soldiers were confined in the barracks. Several thousand laborers passed the Emperor Franz Joseph barracks they cheered the soldiers and the soldiers returned the cheer. The incident illustrates the good feeling which prevailed in the city throughout the day.

A fire started early this morning in the Haymarket of Simpson, on Haden road, Hull. The flames spread rapidly to the dwelling opposite. Eight houses were burning simultaneously, many more in danger, and several blocks of business buildings were threatened. The whole district was panic-stricken, and it required the united efforts of two squads of police and a company of militia to subdue the people. Manies were landed and helped the firemen.

After three hours the fire was brought under control. Most of the timber shed was destroyed. Four houses were burned and several others were partly destroyed. There is little doubt that the fire was incendiary.

The *Star* says that a rumor is being circulated persistently in naval circles that the Duke of York has been married secretly to the daughter of an English naval officer at Malta. It is added that the Prince's unexpected departure on his present tour was not unconnected with this rumored matrimonial adventure.

WASHINGTON, May 1st. The State Department does not appear to be very much excited about the trouble in Cuba. The officials have had no official intimation either from the representatives in Cuba or through the Spanish legation in this city. No call has yet been made upon the Navy Department for naval vessels for use in Cuban waters. The *Kearny*, which is the only vessel in those waters, was this afternoon ordered to return north to undergo repairs at the Norfolk naval yard, preliminary to a cruise with the New York naval reserve in June next.

MADRID, May 1st. Your battalions of characters in Puerto Rico are held in readiness to proceed to Cuba.

A deputation of Cuban Senators and Deputies, including several Autonomists, waited upon Maura, the Minister of Colonies, to-day, to present against the Cuban revolt. The Minister

replied, assured them that the Government would not hesitate to make any sacrifice to maintain Spanish rule in Cuba, but that unless the situation became worse he considered the military force strong enough to conquer the rebels. Reinforcements, however, were in readiness to depart on the first intimation from the Captain-General of Cuba that their assistance was required. The Madrid newspapers advise urgent action to put down the revolt, and declare the national sentiment demands that the last remnant of the Spanish Colonial Empire in America should be kept at any cost.

BOSTON, May 2nd. "Bob" Fitzsimmons called at the *Globe* office to-day and left a deposit for a match with Alex. Goggin. The stakes will be \$5,000 and the largest purse offered.

LUCERNE, May 2nd. The Emperor and Empress of Germany received a royal reception here to-day on their return from the silver wedding festivities of the King and Queen of Italy. The city is decorated in honor of the imperial visitors, who were received with salutes of artillery and the shouts of the assembled multitude.

BERLIN, May 2nd. The Army Bill will be brought up and debated in the Reichstag to-morrow. Chancellor Caprivi has advised the Kaiser to return without delay in order to secure the aid of his authority in a final attempt to obtain a majority for the Bill.

PARIS, May 2nd. It is stated that King Behanish of Dahomey, who since the capture of Abomey, his capital, has been carrying on a desultory warfare against the French, has submitted to French authority.

DUNDREE, May 2nd. Nineteen thousand working people employed in the jute mills at this place have gone out on strike.

### LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, April 27th. The man Townsend, who was arrested for having discharged a pistol in Downing Street, is stated to have lived for seven years in Sydney. The charge against him in connection with Mr. Gladstone rests only on rambling memoranda to the effect that speeches made by Colonel Sanderson and Sir Henry James, justified homicide.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* states that when Mr. Gladstone left Downing street on the day of the second reading of the Home Rule Bill, Townsend waited to shoot him. Mr. Gladstone's remembrance to Townsend's father, however, caused him to pause. Information which has been obtained concerning Townsend's antecedents shows that there is insanity in the family.

The bill introduced in the House of Commons regulating the hours of labour of railway servants has been passed.

There is an abundant supply of free labour at Hull to take the places of the men out on strike. An attempt was made at midnight to set fire to a woodyard at the docks, but it failed. European firms trading to the port of Hull intend to carry their own stevedores and dockers on board their vessels.

President Cleveland held a grand naval review in New York harbour yesterday, in connection with the Columbus fete, and the approaching opening of the World's Fair at Chicago. The display was an immense success, and was witnessed by many thousands of spectators. The vessels, comprising 36 British, German, French, Italian, and other men-of-war, extended over three miles.

The British fleet. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed. Mr. H. H. Asquith, Q.C., Home Secretary, in answer to a question in the House of Commons, denied that unusual privileges were being accorded to the Dowager Duchess of Sutherland during her imprisonment in Holloway Gaol.

The directors of the Queensland National Bank have instructed their solicitors to institute proceedings for libel against the *London Standard*, the ground of action being a statement made by that journal to the effect that there had been a serious run on that bank at Brisbane.

Opinion in the city is favourable towards the proposed issue by Mr. G. D. Carter, the Treasurer, of Victorian Government 4 per cent stock in the colony in amounts of £10 or multiple.

The reconstruction scheme of the English, Scottish and Australian Chartered Bank proposed to form a new bank, with a capital of £1,750,000, in 45,000 shares of £35 each, which will be distributed paid-up to £10 each among the old shareholders, thus extinguishing the present liability and acquiring the whole of the assets for £750,000 under valuation. The only cash required will be £10.10s per share, £1 at once, and the remainder in three calls of £2.10s in 6, 12, and 18 months, leaving a liability of £12.10s. Depositors and current account creditors will be paid half the amounts due in 4 per cent. debentures constituting a first charge on the entire assets of the new bank, and the remainder by 4 per cent. perpetual inscribed debenture stock with cumulative interest. Power will be taken to create further debentures in respect to new deposits, and to make advances to current account debenture-holders up to 50 per cent. of their holdings. If the assets exceed the present valuation, the amount of such excess will be carried forward to a permanent reserve fund. Holders of deposit stock will appoint two directors. One-fourth of the surplus profits, after the payment of interest on deposit stock, will be carried to a special reserve fund for equalising interest and redeeming deposit stock.

The Canadian Government is diffusing information among its people as to goods lying in a market in Australia, with a view to supporting Mr. Huddell's proposed Vancouver steam service.

The Marquis of Ripon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has expressed to Mr. W. B. Percival, Agent-General for New Zealand, his great regret at the death of the Hon. John Ballance, Premier of the Colony.

Messrs. Money Wigram and Sons, Limited, shipowners, have failed. It is expected that the creditors will be paid in full.

The Queensland National Bank claims £100,000 damages from the *Standard*. The Queensland National Bank is also suing the *St. James's Gazette* and the *London Echo* for repeating the alleged libel. Damages in each case are claimed at £50,000.

It is considered in financial circles that the English, Scottish and Australian Chartered Bank, the Australian Joint Stock Bank, and the London Chartered Bank are all sound, and it is confidently expected that they will speedily recover and resume business.

Mr. J. Stevens, the United States Minister in Hawaii, has resigned. Mr. Blount, who was recently commissioned to proceed to Honolulu in order to inquire into the condition of affairs in Hawaii, will probably be appointed to succeed Mr. Stevens.

In the House of Commons, last night, Mr. Sidney Buxton, Under-Secretary to the Colonial Office, promised, on behalf of the Government, to furnish the return asked for by Mr. W. St. J. F. Brodick, for showing the cost of the erection of the Houses of Parliament in Melbourne and Sydney, and other details of general Australian Parliamentary expenditure, excepting that involved by the payment of members.

Moonlight outbreaks are of frequent occurrence in County Kerry, Ireland.

The Egyptian Government intends to ask the European Powers to sanction a modification of the mixed tribunals in Egypt.

The projected visit of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria and his newly-made bride to the Sultan of Turkey at Stambul has been abandoned, owing to the action of Mr. Nieldoff, the Russian Ambassador at Constantinople, who is opposed to it.

In the House of Commons, last night, the debate on the Budget was concluded. After a pungent criticism by Mr. Goschen, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in Lord Salisbury's Administration, the Budget proposals were agreed to.

The *Standard*, in commenting upon the proposals for the reconstruction of the E. S. and A. Bank, says that the scheme is a good and reasonable one, and is worth trying. The E. S. and A. Bank has always been a good bank. The *Daily News* also expresses approval of the scheme, which it says is an excellent one.

The manager of the London branch of the Standard Bank of Australia has not been informed of the suspension of payment by the directors in Melbourne. The bank in London is still open. The suspension of payment by the Standard Bank of Australia has further depressed the market.

The Belgian Senate has agreed to plural voting.

The Archduke Franz Ferdinand d'Este is on the way from Java to Sydney. A sum of £50,000 in gold has been withdrawn from the Bank of England and sent to Western Australia.

The funds of the Hull strikers are in a desperate condition. The influenza epidemic in Paris is assuming serious proportions.

The Trust and Agency Company of Australasia has declared a dividend of 20 per cent. and a bonus of 2½ per cent.

PARIS, April 28th. The Budget has been voted. An agreement has been come to between the Chamber and the Senate.

ROME, April 28th. The Sovereigns have visited the Gall of Naples. The Duke of York has left for London.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 28th. A sanguinary fight has taken place at Cegarea between Turks and Armenians.

LONDON, April 30th. The Postmaster-General says that the Government will not grant Imperial Postage.

Frederick Court, an auctioneer, is applying for a divorce for the adultery of his wife. The co-respondent is Cecil Drummond Wolf, son of the British Ambassador at Madrid. Court's wife was an actress.

The Dockers are starving. Another strike has taken place in the Victoria Docks.

The strikers prevent the unloading of Australian ships.

May 1st. A revolution has broken out in Cuba. The authorities are actively engaged in quelling the insurrection, and a Spanish gunboat has left New York to aid in the work. It is believed that the difficulty will be soon settled.

The death of the Right Rev. James Francis Turner, D.D., Bishop of Grafton and Armidale, New South Wales, is announced. The event took place while the Bishop was visiting Rome. Three thousand London dockers have resolved to come out on strike to-day unless the men accepting the Shipping Federation ticket and employed at Victoria Docks are withdrawn.

Mr. J. Burns, the labor member for Battersea, is opposed to the ordering of a national shipping strike arising out of the difficulty at Hull, and he declares that it is simply madness on the part of Mr. Fyfe Hardie (the labor member for West Ham) and Mr. J. H. Wilson (labor member for Middlesbrough and Organizing Secretary of the Seamen and Firemen's Union) to favour such a proposal.

The threatened strike of London dockers has fizzled out, the councils of the more moderate leaders and the dread of facing the personal consequences of stopping work having for the moment put an end to the plan.

The Chicago Exhibition will be opened to-day, although many of the buildings are far from being completed. The incomplete state of the buildings is due to the numerous strikes among workmen engaged in the labour of construction.

A somewhat exciting incident has occurred in connection with the Exhibition. The ashes of Columbus, contained in an urn and secured for exhibition, were stolen. Fortunately the thief was witnessed, and although the thief tried to escape, he was hotly pursued by the watchmen. After an exciting chase he was captured, and the urn with the remains of the discoverer of America recovered.

A correspondent to the *Times* takes up an attitude hostile to the scheme formulated for the reconstruction of the English, Scottish and Australian Chartered Bank. The *Times*, in commenting upon the strictures of its correspondent, advises the acceptance of the scheme, declaring that it will be better for depositors than liquidation.

The *Times* regards the decision of the Victorian Government to grant five Bank holidays in order to allow workmen to cool down as mischievous, and hints that the Bank should ignore the decree since they were adverse to the proposal when suggested a few days since.

The day condemns the five day's holiday ordered by the Victorian Government as being unjust to the solvent Banks.

Depositors in the National Bank of Australasia are applying to the Court for powers to protect the assets of the bank.

Mr. John Burns, labor member for Battersea, vigorously denounces his fellow labor leaders for endorsing a strike as a universal maritime strike.

The dockers' and maritime strikes are failing out.

May 2nd. The *London Star* says that the Duke of York was secretly married to the daughter of a naval officer at Malta. This, it says, is the reason of the hitherto unexplained postponement of his marriage with Princess May.

The opening of the Chicago Exhibition was a magnificent spectacle.

President Cleveland made a speech, eloquently alluding to the progress of America, and evoked by a World's Fair. At the close he presented an electric button, and the machinery, fountains, and exhibits of bells were instantly in full swing. The effect was unparalleled. As the speaker toned down, the audience joined in singing the Hallelujah Chorus. The total expenditure on the Exhibition up to date is twenty millions sterling.

May 3rd. Lord Dufferin has left the Countess of Dufferin and large families to other duties.

Twenty thousand miners have struck work in Ohio for higher wages.

May 4th. "Abigail" Baird's personal estate has been sworn at a million. Mrs. Langtry, who was a great friend of Baird's, gave nothing. She has published a letter from Baird, in which he promised to leave her everything.

Letters have been received warning the unemployed against seeking work in the cities of Australia where great destitution is reported to exist.

The London creditors of the English, Scottish and Australian Chartered Bank have approved of the scheme of reconstruction.

The Official Receiver says that the bank's business has been gradually conducted. The overdrafts are mostly small, except in two cases where exceptionally large advances are locked up, but the accounts called in to examine the accounts reports that he estimates the total depreciation in respect of overdraft accounts at £800,000.

Financiers favour a general amalgamation of Australian banks.

Opinion is now strongly favourable to the Victorian action in closing the banks temporarily and a hope is expressed that the panic will not be renewed on Saturday.

Two million sovereigns have been shipped to Australia.

CALCUTTA, May 4th. The Tramway difficulty has been settled at a meeting of the Commissioners to-day, the latter having accepted the terms proposed by the company.

Last week the weather here was very unsettled, a thunder and rain storm occurring during the last four evenings.

COTACAMUND, May 4th. The funeral of the Commandant-in-Chief (Sir James Dornier) took place this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Nearly every European in the station was present. It was a solemn and impressive sight. The offices, schools and most of the firms were closed to-day as a mark of respect.

General Campbell Stewart, Commanding the Burma District, assumes charge on the 15th instant as Provisional Commander-in-Chief.

LAHORE, May 3th. The Agent of the Governor-General of Beluchistan held a Council of Sardars and Maliks at the Quetta Residency on Monday last, at which the Khan of Khelat and his sons were present. It is believed that Sir James Brown explained to those present the circumstances under which the outrage was perpetrated at Bhag by the Khan, and invited their opinion, as is customary on occasions like this, as to what treatment the Khan deserved for his conduct. Judging from the nature of the outrage and subsequent disclosures, there is reason to believe the opinion of the Council was adverse to the Khan. Immediately after the conclusion of the Council, the native infantry guard on the Khan's house was doubled, and extra vigilance was employed in his surroundings.

A rumor, for which there is foundation, states that the deposition of the Khan has been decided on. The Khan's eldest son, Mahmud Khan, has, according to report, been selected to succeed his father. The Khan will possibly be deported to India, and the administration of the State will be entrusted to a native Government official in Beluchistan. The only explanation the Khan is stated to have given to justify his conduct in connection with the outrage is that the Khan's house was doubled, and extra vigilance was employed in his surroundings.

It is stated that the Khan, in his deposition to the Agent of the Governor-General, admitted that since his accession to the throne, 35 years ago, he had killed no fewer than three thousand men and women. Since the death of Sir Robert Sandeman he had killed sixty people in his territory. Not many months ago he had five wives killed, one of whom was burned alive, while a man was stoned to death.

There is no truth in the statement that there was looting at Khelat, and that some Bunnials had been killed.

Nothing has been settled, it seems, regarding the withdrawal of our troops from Khelat.

The latest official news from Major Twigg is dated the evening of 24th April. The Kohistanis (appears, have not arrived at Thur, and the reports are still very conflicting. It is difficult to obtain authentic information of their movements.

Official news came in this evening from Chilas, dated the 24th April it gives no information of any attack having taken place at yet on the part of the enemy.

ALABABAD, May 4th. The *Pioneer* says that General East, commanding the Scuderabad district, now in England, will succeed Sir Jas. Dornier in the Madras Command, General Stewart, Commanding Burma, temporarily filling the vacancy.

May 5th. The eldest son of the Khan of Khelat is to continue to carry on the administration of the State pending the decision of the Indian Government, which is not yet in possession of the full facts of the case.

LONDON, May 11th. Mr. T. W. Russell, Member for South Tyrone, introduced an amendment to the Home Rule Bill for abolishing the proposed Second Chamber in Ireland, which was rejected by a majority of fifty-one votes.

Another incendiary fire has taken place at Hull.

May 12th. The man Townsend, who was lately arrested for following outside Mr. Gladstone's house, has been committed to take his trial for sending a threatening letter to Mr. Gladstone, and firing a revolver in the street.

In the House of Commons, last night, Mr. Asquith introduced a Bill to abolish repeated penalties for non-vaccination of children. The Bill was read a first time.

Mr. Russell, replying to a question, said that the Government was sending five temporary officers from England to India to relieve the tension in the Indian telegraph department. The necessity for raising the department to its full strength was, he said, fully recognised.

Lord and Lady Roberts paid a visit to the Queen at Windsor yesterday.

The University of Cambridge confers the degree of doctor of laws on the Maharajah of Bhopawar.

In the House of Lords, last night, Lord Ripon, on behalf of the Secretary of State for India, in reply to a question, said that Government did not intend to interfere in the nomination of Mr. Ormond, an English barrister, to the appointment of Acting Second Judge of the Small Cause Court at Calcutta.

The Prince of Wales has inspected the Indian Cavalry contingent.

The death is announced of General Samuel Black Bengal Staff Corps. Deceased was on his way home in the *Pishawar* and died after leaving Gibraltar. He was buried at sea.

In the debate this evening on the Home Rule Bill Mr. Chamberlain supported the motion brought forward by Mr. Bartley, to omit clause one in the Bill.

MADRID, May 12th. A furious debate lasting for day-long hours has taken place in the Cortes here, the Republicans having obstructed the passage of the Government Bill to postpone the Municipal elections. Finally, however, the Government secured the victory while its opponents were contending in the lobbies. In consequence of all this, Madrid is in a great state of ferment.

LONDON, May 13th. In the House of Commons, last night, Mr. Russell, in reply to a question put by Mr. Talbot, said: "communications were passing with the Government of India regarding complaints of the members of the Public Works Department to the effect that promises made by former Secretaries

of State had not been fulfilled. Replying to Mr. Provand, he said that Mr. Grady goes to India to inspect labour in mines, and not factories. The strike at Hull has been settled, the strikers having agreed that the masters shall employ freemen and unionists together without preference. This is regarded as a virtual victory for the masters.

The following is the result of the race for the Kempton Park Great Jubilee Stakes:—

Orville..... 1  
May Duke..... 2  
Simobian..... 3

May 16th. It is officially announced that the good service decoration is to be granted to Indian and Colonial Volunteer Officers in the same way as to the Volunteer Officers of Great Britain.



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## PUBLIC AUCTION

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See Expresses.  
On view on Friday and Saturday.

A. E. SKEELS & Co.,  
Auctioneers and Valuers.  
Auction Mart, 17, Praya Central,  
Hongkong, 30th May, 1893. [621]

IN THE COLONIAL COURT OF  
ADMIRALTY OF HONGKONG.

SUIT No. 3 OF 1893.

GEO. FENWICK & Co., LIMITED—Plaintiffs,  
Against  
THE STEAMSHIP "PROPONTIS."

THE Marshal of the Colonial Court of  
Admiralty of Hongkong will (pursuant to  
a Commission for Sale issued hereby) Sell by  
PUBLIC AUCTION

ON  
FRIDAY, the 2nd day of June, 1893,  
at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon,  
Supreme Court House, Victoria, Hongkong,  
(unless previously sold by private treaty.)  
The Iron Screw Steamship

"PROPONTIS,"

Gross Tonnage 2,134; Net Register Tonnage  
1,387; as she now lies afloat in Hongkong  
Harbour.

The Vessel was built by the London and  
Glasgow Ship Building Company, at Glasgow,  
in 1864, and Classed "A1."

Length.....325 Feet.  
Breadth.....37 Feet.  
Depth.....22 Feet.

Is fitted with Triple Expansion Engines of 250  
H.P., 115 H.P. effective, built by JOHN ELLER  
& Co. in 1877; diameter of Cylinder H.P. 22  
by 40 by 50.

Stroke of Piston, 16 inches; Double-ended  
Multitubular Steel Boilers, 160 lbs. pressure,  
built by D. ROLLO & SONS, Oldham, 1885.  
Fairly good condition.

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Bunker capacity, 300 tons.

General Survey completed in October, 1892;  
on Hull, Engines and Boilers, since which time  
there have been fitted 300 plain Tubes in Boilers  
and 48 stays.

100 tons of Akaki Coal, now in bunkers.

Awards fitted for main deck and poop, all  
complete.

C. F. A. SANGSTER,  
Marshal.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1893. [607]

## Intimations.

DR. K. NORR'S  
LION BRAND  
ANTI-PYRINE.

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FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE,  
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best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by  
the Medical Faculty. Ask for DR. NORR'S  
ANTI-PYRINE. Each Tin bears the inventor's  
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Beware of spurious imitations.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1893. [606]

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MINERAL WATER by each Steamer.

Prices forwarded on application to  
MACDONALD BROTHERS & LOCKARD.

Commission Merchants,  
No. 30, Water Street,  
Yokohama, 12th August, 1892. [616]

## Intimations.

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HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "KRONHIL" — A. B. C. Code — TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,  
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The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.  
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The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public  
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A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour  
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NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER  
Manager. [178]

Hongkong, 12th February, 1892.

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COMFORTABLY FURNISHED OF UN-  
FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board and  
Table Accommodation.  
Apply to  
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Hongkong, 28th February, 1893. [136]

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Month.....\$15.00  
Hongkong, 24th March, 1893. [370]

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RIED COUPLES at Moderate Terms.  
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Proprietress.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1892. [140]

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COAL CONTRACTOR,  
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SHIPS VISITING MANILA, SUPPLIED  
WITH PROVISIONS, DUNNAGE, &c.  
WATER and BALLAST, BOATS  
Manila, 15th March 1893. [138]

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L. MALLORY.  
Hongkong, 24th June, 1891. [65]

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A WELL APPOINTED BILLIARD ROOM.

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Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1892. [67]

**THE IRON MINERAL BATHS** and  
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the Medical Faculty for Gout, Rheumatism,  
Chickens, Kernels and other ailments.

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1892. [49]

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THE HOTEL OF THE EAST FOR  
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BEST LIQUORS procurable in the Market,  
good ACCOMMODATION and CIVIL-  
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WILLIAM WATERS,  
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1893. [392]

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The very best LIQUORS and ACCOMMODA-  
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Hongkong, 28th March, 1893. [389]

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Hongkong, 11th April, 1893. [124]

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An EXCELLENT TABLE D'HOTE, and  
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Terms Moderate.

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Amoy, 1st September, 1892. [38]

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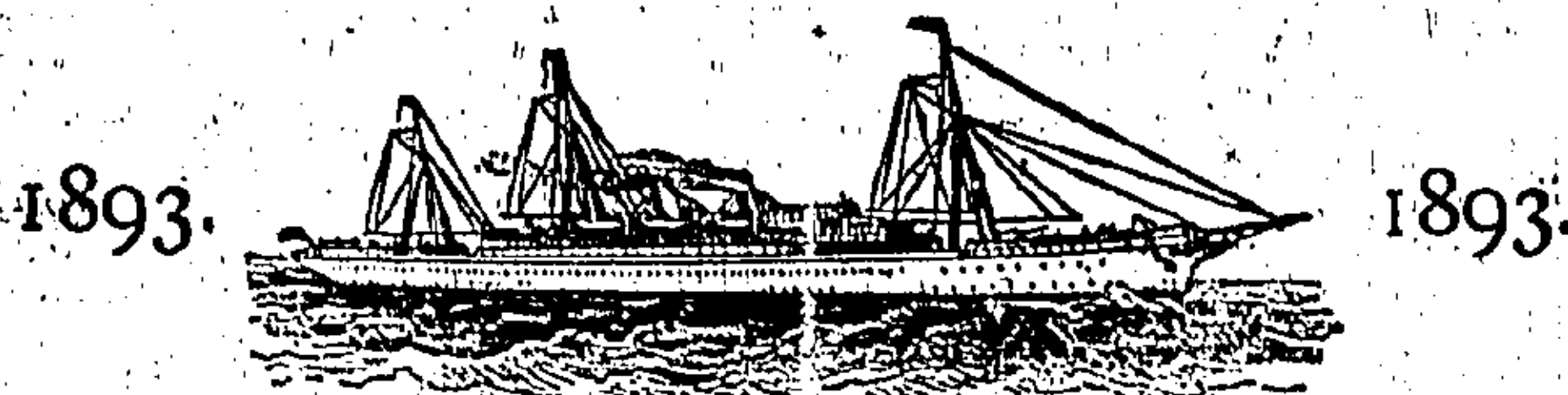
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Hongkong, 24th May, 1893. [13]

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HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG.

Peru (via Nagasaki,  
Kobe, Inland Sea,  
Yokohama & Hon-  
olulu).....Saturday, 17th June.

City of Rio de Janeiro  
(via Nagasaki, Kobe,  
Inland Sea, Yokoh-  
ama and Honolulu).....Thursday, 6th July.

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Hongkong, 27th September, 1892. [176]

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HAS REMOVED  
TO  
THE BANK BUILDINGS,  
QUEEN'S ROAD,  
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Hongkong, 27th July, 1893. [24]

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Mogul.....Tuesday.....August 8th.

Victoria.....Tuesday.....August 29th.

Tacoma.....Thursday.....Sept. 28th.

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